

As an active amateur radio operator for over 30 years, and a user of the 160 meter amateur band since the early 1980s, I support the proposal to segment the band by mode. This is a well-known construct on the other HF bands and would increase the usefulness of the band. This is a band particularly suited to CW for effective communications given the challenges of noise and propagation. The upper portion of the band is underutilized, so there is adequate bandwidth for SSB operation, even under peak usage. This segmentation is generally observed by gentleman's agreement most of the time. The only challenge would be the adjustment of antennas to tune the higher regions of the band, and given the need for matching networks on many of the commonly used antennas, this is not a serious problem. The plan as crafted, is well-thought out and has been designed by amateurs that really understand it. I urge you to pass this measure.